



# Advanced cardiovascular life support for healthcare providers 2025 course

## Introduction

SECTION 1: Ethics of resuscitation

SECTION 2: Basic life support (BLS)

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SECTION 6: The management of airway, ventilation and oxygenation

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## Activity summary

- Activity title: Advanced cardiovascular life support (ACLS)
- Release date: 2024-06-01
- Expiration date: 2027-05-31
- Estimated time to complete activity: 8 hours
- The exam includes 50 multiple choice questions, you must achieve 84% or better to pass.
- Course is compliant with Section 508 of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and includes text captioning for audio components.
- This course is accessible with any web browser.
- Jointly provided by Postgraduate Institute for Medicine and Pacific Medical Training.
- PIM Activity ID: 18514-5

## Target audience

This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists and dentists involved in the care of patients who require advanced life support.

## Educational objectives

*Participants in this program will be able to:*

- Discuss the general guidelines for resuscitation as recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA) in 2025.
- Discuss basic life support (BLS) topics including the BLS Survey, compressions, airway management and defibrillation.
- Discuss legal and ethical considerations for beginning or discontinuing resuscitation.
- Explain when defibrillation or cardioversion is indicated.
- Demonstrate team management of equipment and patient preparation, and defibrillation delivery.
- Discuss advanced airway adjuncts available for the management of respiratory and cardiac arrest.
- Outline the medications utilized during resuscitation.
- Recognize acute coronary syndromes including unstable angina and myocardial infarction (MI).
- Demonstrate how to treat the myocardial infarction patient to prevent cardiac arrest or preventable complications.
- Assess the patient experiencing stroke-like symptoms to determine the need for transportation to an appropriate stroke center.
- Describe the Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale.

## Content planners/faculty

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## Types of CE credits available and eligibility requirements for each credit type

- **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™:** Continuing Medical Education (CME) AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ credit is available to you if you are a Doctor of Medicine (MD) or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO). You must certify in your registration that you are an MD or DO to earn this type of CE credit.

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- ANCC CNE: American Nurses Credentialing Center, the Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) credit is available to Nurses and Nurse Practitioners.
- IPCE: Interprofessional Continuing Education credit is available for the healthcare team.

## Joint Accreditation Statement

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